



NEWS RELEASE

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SUBJECT: NPD Investigate Robbery

Newark Police are investigating a strong arm robbery which occurred in the early evening of Sunday, November 4th on the sidewalk of Scholar Drive just east of East Delaware Avenue adjacent to the University Courtyard Apartment Complex.

The incident occurred at approximately 8:30pm when the 18 year old female victim was approached by an unknown black male suspect who asked her for the time. The victim provided the time and she continued walking. Shortly thereafter, she was approached from behind by the suspect who grabbed her, forced her to the ground and then stole her cell phone. The suspect then fled on foot towards Delaware Avenue.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20-21 years of age, 6' tall, 160lbs with a thin build and short black hair. He was described as clean shaven and was wearing a black fleece coat.

NPD Officers including an NPD K9 team responded to the scene and conducted a K9 track, however, the suspect was not located. The victim, who is a University of Delaware Student, was not injured during the incident.

Anyone with additional information on this incident should contact Det. Fred Nelson at 302-366-7110 ext. 136 or frederick.nelson@cj.state.de.us. You can send an anonymous text message tip by texting 302NPD and your message to TIP411. Information can also be provided anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at www.tipsubmit.com where a reward may be available.

The Newark Police Department affirms that all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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